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Editorial Comment

WAR TIMING

One General Staff has done a magnificent job of planning the armed forces of America. The strategy of our position is superb. It is a job to endorse. It is a job to support with enthusiasm and our war effort has been timed to be a fighting proposition. Never in America right now is privation or restriction even remotely necessary. Our factories are producing more goods of every description than ever before and the equipment is on the job. We have the materials, the time, the men to send a mighty blow to assemble, train and arm an invasion army of millions and the timing of putting it into operation is perfect.

THE FRISCO CONFERENCE

The success or failure of the coming San Francisco conference is of course the hope of the world. It is the hope of the nations of the world that it will be successful. It is the hope of the world's people. If we could for a moment, we think, look into the future and see what is going to happen at that conference, we would be able to say with some degree of certainty whether it will succeed or fail. But we cannot look into the future. We can only hope and pray that it will succeed.

The nations of the world have a right to expect an equitable distribution of responsibility among friendly and world peace loving nations. Responsibility should be assumed, America, Russia, England and China must be kept in an age of peace. Each of these nations must learn to get along. Our statesmen would be foolish to think that they can get along alone. There are even some in America who plant seeds of suspicion and mistrust. How can we hope for peace and Christianity be made an actual foundation? We must get on with our present Frankenstein, set up the machinery for international good-will and trade and peace. If the nations meet as San Francisco motivated by the better of law rather than by the better of law itself, then there can be no success. We are interested in the atmosphere of cooperation, rather than longevity lines, votes and figures on a piece of paper.

GERMANS WASTE TIME

From Winchester Star

It is a changed tune that the Berlin broadcasters are singing these days, but even if it does sound sweet to Allied ears it will not lead anyone into the belief that war efforts can now be relaxed or cease until victory is awarded the people of the reich.

The Germans are keen on mobilizing on the part of every propagandist, the economist or the politician behind a desk. Hardly recognized for what it is, even so, is the traditional German respect for duty for a beaten foe and an attempt to salvage other arms of the service.

The Germans are even mistaken if many times during the course of the character of Americans that they have never made a greater study of the American people than is now the case. Allied people do know, and have known for the Nazis as surely as night follows day, that they will never accept defeat. They will never, come what may, admit that they have been beaten and will never lay down their arms.

Germans have long since ceased to ask themselves if they have been defeated, but rather how far. Fanatical resistance and bravery in defeat is in the affirmative, and regardless of what happens in the immediate future they will remain in the affirmative.

The record is the matter long and plain. It began before a war with the assassination of thousands of political opponents and racial minorities and religious leaders. It continued through the early years of the war when the Nazi military machine was riding high, and did not hesitate to liquidate persons or armies in its path. It may never be known how many millions of have been innocent victims of Germany's last fanatical fit, for the number is in the millions.

So the Berlin radio may accept defeat for Germany, but not for Germany will get after the war, of what else destroyed in full payment for her sins.

WHAT DO SOLDIERS WANT OF US?

Headlines in big type and names in small type record the casualties of war. We search for the names of friends and loved ones there. Even so, the war is far away. We see it in this and in that, but it is by the stories of returned soldiers and by the eye-witness accounts of correspondents at the front. But when here, the war is unreal. So what is to be the test of fighting it.

Well, there you have it. What our soldiers want. They want us to remember they are fighting that we may be free and that we may live and think and do as home in that for which they died.—Chicago Times.

Editor's note: The above was published last week in the Pennsylvania Star at Chatham, and we reproduce it herewith in behalf of its readership.

A NAVAL INSTITUTE

In Congress recently there sharp criticism of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Entrance to the Academy is said to be a mere hands from the ranks of the Navy rather than on merit.

Congress should look into the Annapolis School for the Armed Forces and do it now.

CANNERIES

Appomattox County has an excellent opportunity to get in the canning story either now or in the future. Let's see now canning for this

Germans have using many beet sugar in their

Appomattox County will over a Red Cross goal

Seventh War Loan drive started last month.

Phone 50 with Personals.

Starving American to boast of raising 2 pigs a year in

Pulpwood is badly needed in the war effort.

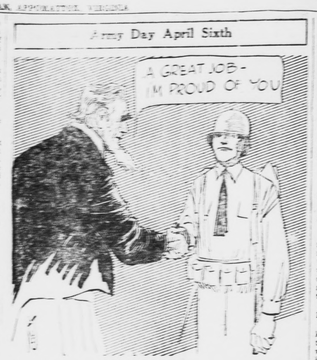
Renew your subscriptions.

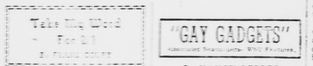
Read the Classified Ads.

Britain fits Bremen.

Find no lack of food inside Germany.

The Army captures Nazi gold





"GAY GADGETS"

By NANCY PEPPER

LOOK SWEETER IN YOUR SWEATERS

Which side is winning in the siege of the sweaters? Will the Sloppy Joes start in or will the fitted party make over? They're vieing on it in high schools just as they went in the polls for Truman or Dewey last year —and there's exciting anywhere as a battle just as they did in the battle of the bustliners. We're sticking our necks out, but we predict a landslide for the fitted sweats this spring. Here is a series of the best tricks that will make you victorious in your sweaters, whether they're streamlined or teenlined.

Three-Letter Coin—No, you don't have to win them—you just embroider

them on with your initials. Use your initials on a coin pocket, on a cuff, on the collar, on the left sleeve or on the right pocket. Or put them on the left sleeve of a cardigan to accentuate the left front fit. For dating emphasis, put them on the left pocket and sweater. You'll be a dazzle duck.

Down With Your Sleeves—Only an action with a cold cut pushes up her studded sleeves anymore. You wear your sleeves down and unless you hold them in place with wide cuff bracelets.

Genteel Jewelry—Where are the powder puff pins and the mackinaw pins of last year? Where is the number how you used to clutter up your sweaters with stuff and nonsense? They were. It wasn't long before animal pins or just some serviceable pin (if you're lucky) a sprinkle of silver brilliants or a short strand of pearls. The one popular exception is the fur lapel pin, such as a short pom-pom of skunk, a jewel-eyed horse or a long-haired dog with rhinestone eyes.

TRIVIA TEEN SAYS—

Get your face out of that movie magazine, Chick, and hurry it in some nice, fresh newspaper because for a change I bet you are going to feel when your T. D. & H. comes back from his Krishna visit and you don't know Saipan from Saipanese or Iwojima from Iwojimese. It will never hurt you to know something about this war he's won for you, so start brushing hunting now. Keep a scrap book of newspaper clippings to remind you of the big events leading up to V day. Then when the boys come marching home from Berlin, there's history being made all around you and you won't have to sit dumb out when the boys come home.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Big jars of cream save time and Beating up your face creams to a froth makes them spread and last longer. A tablespoon of cooking oil, beaten into a pint of cream, gives it a real beauty texture.—Ledger Syndicate—NEA Features.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons
BY HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D.D., Editor of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 15

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PIONEERS OF FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 11:1, 2, 4-9; 12:1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT—By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and he went, not knowing whither he went.—Hebrews 11:8.

Bible history is a story of men of faith called and used of God to carry out His purpose in the world. These thrilling accounts of men whose lives are to be of supreme concern during the three months we study the history of Israel and the Church.

I. A Call and a Covenant (Gen. 12:1, 2).

God was now ready to make known His choice of a man to be the father of His chosen people. He went down into Ur of the Chaldees in the midst of heathen worship and called out a man who had faith in the true God.

Abram, "when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). The Lord called him out from his own land and kindred to get him away from his heathen friends and their worship. God wants dedicated believers in our day. Read and ponder II Cor. 6:17. That call comes to every believer. To those who are to serve Him there is a definite call much as Abram's (see Matt. 10:37-39).

With the call came a great promise, a two-fold promise given in Genesis 12:2, 3. That covenant was repeatedly renewed with Abraham, with Isaac and Jacob, and his descendants. It has been partially fulfilled, and God has declared on record that every believer shall be completed. He keeps His promises.

Why did God choose Israel? It was an act of His sovereign grace not based on their merit or promise. He had a threefold purpose: (1) That they should be the recipients of His truth (the Old Testament) in the earth; (2) that they should be the channel for the coming of the personal Redeemer to the earth, (3) that they should be a witness to the one true God amid the nations of the earth.

They accomplished two of the three, but failed in the last, and are still under God's judgment for their sin and failure.

II. Obedience and Opportunity (Acts 7:4-7).

Abram went out at God's command, even though he knew that it meant suffering and trial, being a stranger without question or hesitation. Bible history reveals that God lights to do mighty things for those who give Him unquestioning obedience.

God did great things for Abraham, and yet he did not live to see the fulfillment of the promise. He knew it was to be so, realizing that God's plan was to be carried out by the children which he did not live to have (see Heb. 11:8-21).

Here is a lesson for us. Our task today, and the measure in which we apprehend the grace of God for life and service, will bless not only us but our children (Ps. 103:17). It is their sakes we ought to seek to increase the spiritual heritage of our families. Certainly we should have nothing to blight their lives (Ezek. 34:7).

One may not be able to boast of the greatness and fineness of one's ancestors, but one can be determined by the grace of God to be a good ancestor.

Observe that Abraham's obedience opened up the whole history of blessing and usefulness to the entire nation of Israel, a history not yet concluded by any means. That is what opportunity he might have destroyed by disobedience.

III. A Family and its Faith (Acts 7:12-17).

Stephen, a portion of whose address of defense before the council is here before us, reviews the history of God's dealings with Israel. Tracing the line down through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, he recalls how God provided a haven of plenty for them in Egypt until they were ready to be brought up into the possession of their inheritance, the land of Palestine.

Lack of space forbids the review of the lives of these pioneers of faith. The study would be most illuminating, for it repeatedly throws into sharp contrast the awful failures of these men when they forgot God, and the mighty victories they gained when they believed Him.

In spite of their failures they were essentially men of faith, for God has counted them worthy of a place in that remarkable list of heroes of faith found in Hebrews 11 (see vs. 17-22).

The days in which we live are like pioneer days in the usual sense, but they are days when God is calling for new pioneers of faith to serve Him in a befuddled and bruised world. There are stirring days ahead for the Church of Christ, and we as Christians will, like Abraham, hear the call of God and go out in loving obedience to Him.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Call For a Mass Meeting at The Court House, Monday Night, April 16, at Eight P. M.

There are some conditions in Appomattox County which might be benefitted by a strong permanent organization of citizens banded together to fight those harmful influences which lead the thoughtless to habits of destruction.

Every phase of this question as it relates to juvenile delinquency and those things which make it easy for them to go wrong will be open for discussion.
All those willing to lend your help are invited to attend this meeting.

Committee.

Pamplin

Pamplin, April 9.- Mrs. Z. T. Moran and Miss Mattie Thornton spent last Wednesday in Richmond.

Miss Evelyn Jernell, of Richmond is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Moran.

Mrs. Minnie Hoffman, of Ferand Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Vinson, of Raleigh, N. C. were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Lucy Thornton.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler and Miss Elabeth Terry were the recent sts of Mr and Mrs. H. T. Ter-

Miss Mary Lee Dickerson, of ville S. T. C. spent last week- at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Spencer and of Buckingham were Sunday sts in the home or Mr. and P. B. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. F B Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Spencer and son visited Mr. and Mrs. F B Fitzgerald, Jr., of Concord Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Copenhaver, of Clifton Forge spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Fears.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M Robertson spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. L. N. Ligon was hostess to the W. M. S of Elon Church last Thursday night. Mrs. W M Black was program leader.

Miss Mary Alice Paulette, of Evergreen spent last Monday night with her aunts, Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robertson.

R. P. Harris, of Pulaski, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. N. L. McCleny.

Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson spent last week-end with relatives in Lynchburg, and visited her brother,John Ramsey, who is a patient in the hospital.

Clem and Dell Driskill, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, April 10.- Mrs. Z. V. Harvey, who has been a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, is home and getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young, and Miss Anne Young, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey and Nancy Joe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette recently.

Mr and Mrs. H. B Cralle, Mrs. Dann Clapp and Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Harvey and Ida Belle and Mrs. Ernest Farrar called to see Mrs. Z. V. Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs. J. C. Staples visited in the home of Eddie Warriner Sunday.

Miss Mary Alice Paulette and Mrs. Bob Harvey and Nancy Jo visited in Lynchburg Thursday.

Miss [illegible] Warriner is improving being sick. We hope she will be out again soon.

Misses Berta and Lillian Cralle visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cralle of Appomattox Sunday.

Mrs. Edd Duffner and son visited her mother, Mrs. T. T. Evans, Sunday.

John L. Wooldridge, U.S. Navy, was visiting in Evergreen this week. He is at home on a 15-day leave.

Nelson Garrett, who is stationed at Norfolk is at home on a leave.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette were visiting friends in Evergreen Sunday.

Subscription rate: $1.50 a year, payable in advance.

Ninth Army takes Hannover.

Biggest bag of Nazi planes are destroyed.

Keep cutting pulpwood.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 9.- We are all so sorry it turned cold and froze some with a freeze to kill fruit and damage gardens.

Miss Margaret Stratton, of Lynchburg College spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

Mr and Mrs Irby Wheeler and family spent the week-end with relatives in Petersburg.

Miss Martha Thornhill, of Madison College spent the week- end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L Carson had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith, of Spout Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Davidson and children and Jessie Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson,of Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick spent Sunday with their son and daughter at Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard. It was the first birthday of their little grandson, Master Laurence Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and daughter, Anne spent Saturday afternoon in Lynchburg.

Miss Lillie B. Davidson, of Richmond College spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton and family, of Bedford spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lula Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T Roach and small daughter, of Emporia spent the week-end with her father, J. O. Davidson.

Royal Harding, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at his home here.

Joe Burnett, U. S. Navy, and his wife and baby, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and children and Miss Anna Lee spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Rufus Barnett.

Congress approves extension of Lend-Lease.

Officials of Army, Navy, War Production Board, War Manpower Commission and U. S. Maritime Commission, place . . .

PULPWOOD-HAULING AND CUTTING ON PRODUCTION URGENCY LIST

NOTE: The only programs selected for inclusion on the National Production Urgency List are those which are of paramount importance because the programs have fallen so far behind schedule that balanced war production is threatened in such a manner as to interfere with military operations.

This means that on Friday, March 9, Pulpwood was ranked by war leaders of the Production Urgency Committee a top priority industry!

Pulpwood has always been listed as an ESSENTIAL war material. A few weeks ago the pulpwood shortage became so serious that it was given a CRITICAL rating, and now it has been put on the URGENCY list. This puts it right at the top of the priority scale, along with our most vital weapons of war—which for security reasons cannot be listed.

The "URGENCY" priority—and the acute shortage which occasions it—result from the many new uses that have been found for pulpwood and the general speeding up of war production.

This action by the Production Urgency Committee emphasizes the responsibility of every pulpwood producer to cut every possible cord as our armies deliver the final crushing blows in Europe and continue to move with overwhelming force into the Pacific.

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